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Services  
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schedule

**Aero Club**, administration and sales closed Saturday through Monday

**Auto Skills Center**, closed Sunday and Monday

**Base Library**, closed Monday

**Base Restaurant**, closed Monday

**Bowling Center**, open Monday from 1 - 6 p.m.

**CDC East & West**, closed Monday

**Civilian Recreation**, office closed Monday

**Services Division Command Support staff**, closed Monday

**Enlisted Club**, no family night buffet, open Monday at 5 p.m., **Press Box** closed today and Saturday

**Family Child Care**, closed Monday

**Fitness Center**, open Monday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Flight Line Dining Facility**, closed for fast food Monday; **Flight Line Kitchen** remains open

**Food Service office**, closed Monday

**Golf Course**, open Monday from 7 a.m. to dusk

**Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness**, normal hours of operation

**Human Resource office**, closed Monday

**Information, Tickets and Travel**, closed Saturday through Monday

**Lodging**, normal hours of operation

**Marketing**, closed Monday

**Nature Center**, closed Monday

**Officers' Club**, closed Monday

**Pizza Depot**, closed Sunday and Monday

**Rasile Indoor Pool**, open Monday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Rental Center**, closed Monday

**Resource Management office/NAF**, closed Monday

**Robins Japanese Grill**, closes at 3 p.m. today, closed Monday

**Skeet Range**, open Saturday through Monday from noon - 6 p.m.

**Skills Center**, closed Saturday through Monday

**Smith Community Center**, closed Monday

**Teen Center**, closed Monday

**Vet services**, closed Monday

**Wood Shop**, closed Monday and Tuesday

**Wynn Dining Facility**, Monday normal hours of operation

**Youth Center**, closed Monday

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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

# An incredible success story

## 116th ACW proves itself during first year as blended wing

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One year ago the members of the 116th Bomb Wing and the 93rd Air Control Wing at Robins began to cultivate the soil that would yield the Future Total Force.

Today they are reaping the

fruits of their labor and discussing lessons learned, successes and the future.

"It has been a year of challenges," said Col. Tom Lynn, 116th ACW commander, "But it has also been a year of growth and maturity for the 116th ACW."

With a year of blending and

real world deployments in Operation Iraqi Freedom under their belts, looking back, Lynn said the challenges they faced dealt mostly with things they didn't know when they stood up.

"We address things that

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Lynn

Col. Tom Lynn, 116th ACW commander, says the past year has been one of growth and maturity for the blended wing.

## A new approach



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Stephen Jarrell, electronics mechanic in the Avionics and Instruments Division, tests an ARC-164 UHF radio. Mechanics in the shop are continually putting the Lean concept into use.

# More radios, less headaches

By Lisa Mathews  
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Tags prioritize the work done in the shop. If a certain part is needed for a more critical repair, it is coded by color. Lesser critical work is coded by other colors.

Mechanics in the Communications/Navigational Section of the Avionics and Instruments Division are continually putting the Lean concept into use.

Sammy Coons said, "Lean is an ongoing process."

Coons, foreman in the shop, and Richard Chamberlin, an electronic technician and foreman alternate, are both advocates of the Lean concept being applied in their shop. They can recall days when backlogs in work were not uncommon and problems were worked

around rather than identified and solutions found.

"Lean makes the problem ugly," Coons said. "The Lean concept can't fix the problem, but it will identify it and put it right in your face."

Once the problem is identified, all involved in the process can communicate and explore solutions. The process began in the shop in January 2002, and Chamberlin was there at the beginning.

"Our objective was to produce more radios with less overtime. They told us about the cell concept and that's been a

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# A hands-off approach

## EWG helps boiler operators prevent on-job injuries with electric crane hoist

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A new addition to Robins' Steam Plant is preventing workers from feeling the burn of a hot job.

Before, 78th Civil Engineering Squadron's 18 boiler operators were at risk for injury by lifting a 75 to 80-pound cylindrical pipe,

known as an oil burner, from boilers as part of the steam production process.

But with the installation of an 8-foot-long, 10-foot-high hoist electrically maneuvered with a small crane, the chance of injury is virtually eliminated, said Wendell Ratterree, plant operations chief.

"Our job is to produce steam for comfort heating and cooling, humidity control and process steam for 75 percent of the facilities north of 5th Street, and support aircraft maintenance at Robins," he said. "Before we got this

new equipment, it was taking at least two men to physically handle the 300 or more degree equipment on a narrow, platform. Now, it takes only one to operate the crane, and it's a lot safer."

Operators attach the hoist, manufactured by Lab Safety Corporation to the burner, and it electrically lifts the burner up and guides it into the boiler.

The \$2,782 equipment, installed by the 78th CES in May, was funded by the 78th Air Base Wing and the EWG,

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Courtesy photo

From left to right, Oscar Parsons, James Hogan and Tommy Grinstead examine the electric crane hoist that helps boiler operators prevent on-the-job injuries.

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# Get on the bus

## State of the Center routes and schedules announced

Center Office of Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam will address Robins' workforce at the State of the Center Address Oct. 22 - 24.

The annual base-wide briefing, to be held in Building 89 (on the flight line), will be given in a series of seven sessions, with mandatory attendance for all Center employees, including: 78th Air Base Wing organizations, 339th Flight Test Squadron and 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

The briefing isn't mandatory for tenant organizations, but any

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**Robins 3-day forecast**  
Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

**Today**  
Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms



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**Saturday**  
Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms



81/61

**Sunday**  
Mostly to partly cloudy



82/56

**What's inside**

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## CENTER

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wishing to attend must contact the Commander's Action Group at 926-3826, by noon Oct. 17.

Seven sessions have been assigned by organization, with everyone attending dur-

ing his or her organization's scheduled session.

Parking is limited to handicapped and senior staff members holding special passes. All other employees are required to ride to the bus, walk or ride their bikes to the hangar. For safety, wear safe and comfortable shoes.

### Bus service for State of Center address sessions, Oct. 22-24

#### BLUE ROUTE

##### Pick-up locations

Page Road (east side of Building 207-208)  
 Corner of First and Cochran  
 First Street in front of Building 140  
 Corner of Richard Ray and Robins Parkway  
 Corner of Third Street and Robins Parkway

#### RED ROUTE

##### Pick-up locations

Page Road (in front of Building 215)  
 Corner of Richard Ray and Perry  
 Corner of Richard Ray and Byron  
 Corner of Richard Ray and Cochran  
 Corner of Richard Ray and Milledgeville  
 Corner of Third and Warner Robins  
 Corner of Third and Milledgeville  
 Corner of Third and Cochran  
 Corner of Third and Byron  
 Corner of Third and Perry

#### YELLOW ROUTE

##### Pick-up locations

Corner of Peacekeeper and Perry  
 Corner of Peacekeeper and Byron  
 Corner of Peacekeeper and Robins Parkway  
 Corner of Peacekeeper and Warner Robins  
 Fifth Street (in front of Building 385)  
 Corner of Fifth and Perry Street

#### GREEN ROUTE

##### Pick-up locations

Page Road (west side of street near Building 292)  
 Corner of Page Road and Ninth  
 Corner of Robins Parkway And Ninth  
 Corner of Ninth and Macon  
 Seventh Street (in front of Building 700 and 700A)

#### WHITE ROUTE

##### Pick-up locations

Flightline area between Building 91 and hangar 89

### State of the Center sessions schedule

The State of the Center Address will be held Oct. 22-24 in Building 89 on the flight line.

For more information, contact the Commander's Action Group at 926-3826.

SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3
<b>Oct. 22, 10a.m.</b> 78th ABW/SFS MA MAA MAB MAC MAD MAI MAM MAN MAP MAS MAW	<b>Oct. 22, 1 p.m.</b> MA MAB MAD MAM MAN MAP MAS ALC/SE CCD	<b>Oct. 22, 3 p.m.</b> 78th ABW/SFS 78th ABW/SV 78th ABW/MSS 78th ABW/MSG MA MA-2 MAA MAB MAC MAD MAF MAM MAN MAP MAS MAW
<b>SESSION 4</b> <b>Oct. 23, 10 a.m.</b> BC MU HO PA IG JA CCV/CCR CCM CCX ALC/XP 339th FTS 653rd CLSS FM EM LE LX 78th CEG 78th MDG Media/former commanders	<b>SESSION 5</b> <b>Oct. 23, 1 p.m.</b> EN LS LM PK LF DISA LB	<b>SESSION 7</b> <b>Oct. 24, 8 a.m.</b> 78th ABW/SFS MA MAB MAC MAD MAI MAM MAN MAS MAW
	<b>SESSION 6</b> <b>Oct. 23, 3 p.m.</b> LU LG LT AE 78th ABW staff HC 78th ABW/MEO 78th ABW/OSS 78th ABW/XP 78th ABW/DP 78th ABW/LRS 78th ABW/CS	

## RADIOS

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big plus for us.”

The men compare their cell flow to a pie. There are six slices per radio and, using their process, a mechanic takes a bad part to a cell for a replacement part. The bad part is then repaired.

This alone did not solve the problem. Once the first Lean event was complete, Coons and Chamberlin explained, things were better but still not as good as they wanted them to be.

Coons said, “The Lean process teaches us to look at things ... to ask what can we do different that will cause a change. Richard Chamberlin said, ‘at one time we used to pre-test these radios.’ They thought Lean had created the perfect set up.”

“We thought the process was etched in stone,” Chamberlin explained.

His suggestion of reviving the pre-testing was implemented. Prior to that, each radio was completely disassembled. Each part was reworked and the radio put back together.

With the pre-testing in place, only those parts that are not working cor-

rectly are sent out to the cells for repair, much like the old saying, “if it’s not broken, don’t fix it.”

Other solutions the shop has come up with include the “grocery store.”

Chamberlin explained the grocery store is a certain amount of stocked supply of fixed parts. The mechanics can take a part to the cell and leave it for repair and take a replacement part from the grocery store.

Standardizing test benches is another step in the Lean direction.

“If I’m out and someone’s test station is down, they can come to my station and continue their work,” said Chamberlin. He explained that before, each station might be arranged with the equipment in different locations. If someone had to use another person’s station, it would take a lot longer to locate where the various equipment was.

Coons and Chamberlin both said the cross training brought about by Lean is a major plus for their shop.

“The more cross training you have the greater your ability to keep the work going and the work doesn’t suffer,” Coons said.

Cross training has provided the shop a solution to backlogs on parts

repair. Coons explained that if one cell gets backed up with an overload of work, mechanics who are cross trained, and might not be as busy, can help out the cell with the backlog.

A color-coding system identifies the priority order for repairs to be made. If a certain part is needed for a more critical repair, it is coded by color. Lesser critical work is coded by other colors.

Lean has allowed the work force in the shop to make the process their own. Coons said, when a mechanic makes a suggestion, and that suggestion is implemented, they are more open to furthering the Lean concept in their work area. Now, rather than relying on management to make the decisions, the mechanics can voice what works and what doesn’t.

It also provides accountability in the shop, Coons added. Work in the area is documented. If a problem is discovered, the documentation helps identify the problem and fix it before it becomes too large.

Both men are pleased with the successes they have seen in the shop since the Lean process began, and they agree that the process is a never-ending one.

## EWG

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to keep workers, like Clarence G. Brown, a boiler operator who suffered a job-related burn five months ago, safer on the job.

“From a safety standpoint, it’s made a great improvement,” he said.

### What to know

The 78th Civil Engineering Squadron, together with the Ergonomics Working Group (EWG) at Robins, purchased and installed an 8-foot-long, 10-foot-high hoist electrically maneuvered with a small crane, to help boiler operators in Building 177 work with burners more safely in the steam and chiller plant. For more information on the EWG, contact Mary Ann Gahhos at 327-7618.

“Our chief of operations believes in putting safety first and having this hoist is proof of that.”

According to James Hogan, three workers have sustained burns prior to November 2002.

Mary Ann Gahhos, ergonomics program manager and occupational health manager for the 78th Medical Group, said she hopes to have two more hoists for the plant next fiscal year.

“You must have proper equipment to do your job comfortably and safely,” she said. “James Hogan, EWG member and 78th Civil Engineering Group safety manager, generated the idea for the equipment to help prevent musculoskeletal strains and potential for burns while lifting these heavy items. It helps these people do their jobs more productively and makes the workplace healthier by preventing occupational illness and injury.”



Courtesy photo

There are plans to purchase two more hoists like the one above for the plant next fiscal year. Before the new hoist was installed, it took two people to operate the crane.

Gahhos said the project is many successful stories carried out by the EWG.

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# F-15 Strike Eagle soars again

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Whoever said you can't go home again had no idea about the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's drive and spirit to succeed.

After nearly two years, 6,700 man-hours and three functional test flights, aircraft tail number 87-0200 has finally flown the coop and headed back to its nest at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

The F-15 Strike Eagle, belonging to the 4th Fighter Wing, left Robins Aug. 29 for the short hop back to its home unit.

According to Lt. Col. Kevin Coleman, Air Force Material Command Chief Test Pilot for the F-15 Eagle, who piloted the damaged aircraft to Robins and flew its final test flight, there was a huge difference between those two flights.

"The plane left here a code one with everything operating the way it should," he said. "The guys did a great job putting her back together. She left here like a new jet."

Coleman said the last flight was nothing like the first, which was riddled with flashing lights and turbulence.

"It was pretty bad when it came in," he

said. "Certain systems weren't operating, and while the aircraft has triple redundant flight controls, I only had one operating."

That, however, didn't deter the test pilot who has more than 5,000 flying hours - the most in the F-15, the Air Force and the world.

"Anytime a plane has crash damage, a test pilot has to fly it in," he said. "This is just normal business for us."

According to Coleman the substructure that supports the engine as well as wiring were replaced in addition to the aircraft's normal program depot maintenance.

Some of the larger jobs completed included the rebuilding of the right engine bay area, replacing three bulkheads in the left intake, replacing the right side fuselage skin due to warping, as well as rewiring wire harnesses.

Roy Giles, F-15 production controller, said in April 2001 while on a routine training mission, the F-15 sustained extensive damage to its right engine, fuel lines, oil tank and other components



Coleman

when 17 out of a flock of 20 ducks flew into it.

Giles, said the damage was very extensive and required a lot of work.

"Planners went out for an inventory report and then turned it over to workload planning," said Giles. "Workload planning in turn passed the job on to the 653rd."

A crew of 13 Combat Logistics Support Squadron personnel headed by Tech. Sgt. Michael Lee, depot field team chief, flew to Seymour-Johnson to prepare the plane for a one-time flight to Robins for repair.

Lt. Col. William (Moon) Mullins, 334th fighter squadron commander, said the aircraft has been tested and is currently in the daily flying schedule.

"Considering the damage that was sustained to the plane it was a pretty tremendous feat getting it back into the air," he said.

According to Mullins, during the aircraft's stay at Robins the fleet underwent several updates and they are now in the process of bringing 87-0200 up to speed.

"I think overall that I would call this a success story," he said. "The fact that it was able to be fixed at all is a success story."

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need to be fixed on a daily basis - whether it's a blended mobilization construct or permanent change of station moves," he said. "Now we know enough to fix a lot of things that arise as challenges."

The stand up ceremony for the new blended wing a year ago, marked the genesis of a new entity not only for Robins, but also for the Air Force.

The 116th ACW, which is comprised of both Air National Guardsmen and active duty service members, is the first step in what is known as the future total force mission.

This new initiative focuses on active duty, Guard and reserve members working side by side in all mission types.

"Within the wing, we are developing into a family and a work force that acknowledges and respects the differences between the active duty and the Guard," said Lynn.

Calling this past year a maturation process, Lynn recalled the success the unit saw during its first blended deployment.

"OIF was an incredible success story on two parts," he said. "First, it proved the importance of this JSTARS platform."

Lynn said for the first time they are receiving the acknowledgement from ground forces and the air component on what this platform can do and how integral it is to waging war on any kind of construct linear and non-linear warfare.

On the second front, as far as the blended wing going to war, he said he thinks it was an incredible success story too.

"One family, one fight went off to war, and nobody knew if they were Guard or active duty," he said. "In fact we thought it was so transparent that the folks in the

forward operating location didn't know the difference."

Deploying a JSTARS force 300 percent larger than ever before, the blended wing showed what it was made of.

According to Lynn nine aircraft were deployed--their largest contingency deployment had been three aircraft in the past.

"At the height of OIF we had nine aircraft working out of two forward operating locations with around 700 wing personnel, so it was an incredibly large deployment for a one-wing entity," he said. "Whether they were active duty or Guard, that just melded into the magnitude of what kind of deployment this was."

Lynn said everything they hear from air staff and the office of the Secretary of the Air Force is good news.

"They are touting this as a magnificent success so we

will take their word for it," he said. "The talent within the JSTARS, whether active duty or Guard, is incredible and they are the ones who made up their minds that this was going to be a success, and they were going to make it work. If it weren't for their buy-in and their hard work this never would have happened."

As for the future, Lynn thinks the wing will continue to refine the JSTARS mission and further quantify what they do and how they do it.

"We will continue to refine processes for issues that affect people and don't cross the boundaries of Guard or active duty," he said. "Whether it be mobilization, pay or different systems of employment, we must make these as seamless and transparent as possible."

Though Lynn said they are not the writers of the blueprint for the future total

force, they are the first and follow-ons can learn from their lessons learned.

"They can learn from what we did right and some things that should have been done better and quite frankly from things we did wrong," he said.

From this, he said a better, improved template for further experiments in blending the total force can be made.

"I think once you get past the experimental stage, there will be some templates that other units and missions can use because I think they will have to be based on the mission, the location and many other variables so one answer doesn't fit all," he said.

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## Special Operation Forces, Combat Search and Rescue program offices combine

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The unveiling of its new logo kicked off the official redesignation ceremony of the Special Operations Forces System Program Office as the Special Operation Forces/Combat Search and Rescue, or SOF/CSAR System Program Office, Oct. 1.

Don Michels, SOF/CSAR director, said the redesignation places both Special Ops and CSAR on an equal plane and will give CSAR customers a one-stop shop to come to for all of their support needs.

"It means that the combat search and rescue forces that we support are recognized as equal customers," he said. "In the past, we had a fragmented responsibility for supporting CSAR. Although we owned the CSAR helicopters, the C-130 system program office had the tankers, so it was a split responsibility, and our title didn't acknowledge the importance of the CSAR mission and our responsibility to them."

Michels said they are the experts in managing low-density, high-demand fleets of a few aircraft deployed worldwide needing focused attention on their requirements to make sure they maintain their mission capability.

In February, the chief of staff of the Air Force signed Program Action Directive 02-09, which directed the transfer of combat search and rescue forces lead command responsibility from Air Combat Command to Air Force Special Operations Command.

In June, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Center commander, approved the transfer of the HC-130 fleet program management and sustainment responsibilities from the C-130 SPO to the SOF office. This move created a single program office responsible for all special operations forces and combat search and rescue fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

"For many years we have been the single manager of, and system program office for, the HH-60 Pave Hawk CSAR helicopters as well as for multiple SOF weapon systems," said Michels. "With the transfer of the HC-130 CSAR tanker fleet to us, we are now the system program manager and single manager of all CSAR platforms--both tanker and rotary wing aircraft. This will give our CSAR customers a one-stop shop and a single face to the user for all of their requirements including modernization, modification, sustainment and life cycle management."

This move places all special mission C-130 tankers both SOF and CSAR under one roof. "We pledge to our CSAR customers the same outstanding low-density, high-demand fleet support that we have provided to our SOF customers over the years," said Michels. "We are committed to enabling the world's best combat search and rescue force to ensure that others might live anytime and anywhere."

Pat Rodeheaver, chief of the requirements division Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla., who will replace Michels as director of SOF/CSAR in December said leadership at AFSOC is extremely excited about getting this new mission.

"It's double the size of our command, and now we have two wings

# SOF grows with Rescue



Members of the Special Operations community get a closeup look at an HH-60 Pave Hawk on display at the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award ceremony Oct. 1

U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

## Special Ops earns excellence award

By Lanorris Askew

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Brig. Gen. Darryl Scott said it was no surprise to him that the Special Operations Forces System Program Office was honored with the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award Oct. 1. And with a list of achievements over the past year that number in the double digits, it should be no surprise to anyone.

Leading the kudos, the Center vice commander said he was proud to be part of the special ceremony honoring their achievement.

Speaking to a crowd of more than 200 from the special ops community, he said that it was they who stood behind the war fighter and made it possible for all of the wonderful pictures broadcasted on CNN.

"You stood behind each and every one of those warriors each and every day," he said. "They could not have done what they did without the efforts that you put forth day-to-day to make sure they had the finest support this nation knows how to give."

The award, which covers the period from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2002, recognizes unprecedented support to the unique, high-demand weapon systems used by special operations forces during the intense operational tempo of Operation Enduring Freedom and in preparation for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

With the HH-60 Pave Hawk and HC-130 Combat Search and Rescue aircraft from the 347th Rescue Wing, Moody Air Force Base, Ga., sitting in the background, Scott recited a list of accomplishments that included the SOF directorate fielding enhanced and new operational capabilities by accelerating modification programs and initiating new projects in response to combat mission needs.

According to Scott, those capabilities included new armor plating, defensive avionics software, radio upgrades, real-time streaming video, sensor upgrades, tracking, countermeasure upgrades and environmental system improvements. The SPO is also credited with provid-

ing exceptional sustainment support to all special operations forces and combat search and rescue systems.

"The Special Operations Forces and Combat Search and Rescue Forces have been engaged in combat virtually from day one after the strike on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001," said Scott. "During all this, the overall support posture of the weapon system increased throughout the period of conflict.

Throughout the operations they maintained more than a 90 percent in-commission rate and the not mission capable rate due to supply was less than 10 percent."

A reduction in critical backorders from more than 1,000 to less than 200 over that period was also achieved.

"The award is a result of the collective efforts of a single system program office team with two primary locations here at WRALC and at Aeronautical Systems Center," said Don Michels, director Special Operations Forces Combat Search and Rescue System Program office. "It's appropriate that all share in this award since it represents



Don Michels, SOF/CSAR director, speaks to a crowd of more than 200 from the Special Operations community Oct. 1.

and recognizes the collective efforts of the entire team, without which this award would not have been possible."

Michels said they worked when necessary 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week when they had to deploy people forward to help do emergency modifications or for combat mission need requirements.

"Our people went and did whatever was required to help our war fighter customers prosecute the war and do it successfully," he said. "Though we saw our efforts on T.V. every night there was a lot that went on behind the scenes that nobody saw without which they would not have been able to accomplish their mission."

"We are committed to enabling the world's best combat search and rescue force to ensure that others might live anytime and anywhere."

Don Michels  
SOF/CSAR director

Don Saenger, Audrey Schmitz and Shirley Hall, LU employees, try out the cockpit of the HH-60 Pave Hawk.



instead of one," he said. "We have a number of C-130s that we didn't have before and a lot of challenges, but I think this team that you have in place here will be able to meet

those challenges."

He said he sees the challenges as a way to participate as a seamless team.

"We are up to that challenge," he

said. "It's our job to make sure that that kid flying the line has everything he needs to do his mission successfully and return home to his family."

"I am extremely proud to be a participant in this ceremony and acknowledge the transition to take full responsibility of all of the combat search and rescue assets into this one fine organization," said Brig. Gen. Darryl Scott, Center vice commander. "I can tell you I believe the customer can't be more pleased because they are coming into one of the finest support organizations in the world."

Michels said because resources are a bit constrained at this time no additional people were asked for. Instead some realigning has taken place and until organic resources



Tech Sgt. Tim Toscano with the 41st Rescue Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., demonstrates the GAU-18 50 caliber machine gun on the HH-60 Pave Hawk.

are put in place a few new military and future new contractor hires will do the job.

# Guiding success

Career Counseling gives civil service employees a heads-up on career issues

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If you want to take your career in the right direction, career counseling is the place to start.

From providing ways for people to increase their eligibility for desired jobs to providing information on career broadening programs, the Career Counseling office, located in Suite 113 on the first floor of Building 215, is leading Robins' civil service employees down the path to career success.

Mary Beth Martinez, career counseling chief, said she and her staff provide information that allows people to make informed decisions about their careers.



Martinez

"Career counseling is in place because we want people to have information about how they can advance in their present jobs or learn how they can transfer into other areas," she said. "We want to help people understand why they're not getting certain promotions and jobs and learn how they can qualify."

In addition, career counseling offers explanation of an individual's career brief - a document that includes the person's skill-coded work experience, education and training history - and other aspects of one's federal service career, enhancing people's career goal setting abilities.

Although the office's normal operation hours are 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Martinez said hours are adjustable for swing shifters needing career guidance.

"As long as they have an appointment, we're good about accommodating people whose work hours fall outside of our normal work day," she said. "We can be here as early as 7, and some have come in as early as 6:30 a.m."

The office opened its doors summer 2001, and has been assisting workers like Cynthia Carter ever since.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Jane Harnage, a human resources specialist in the Career Counseling office, talks with a client about career options. Career counseling also offers explanation of an individual's career brief.

## What to know

Career counseling is offered through the Civilian Personnel Flight's career counseling services office located in Suite 113 on the first floor of Building 215. Services are available to all general schedule and federal wage serviced civil service employees, and include: advice on career paths, promotion potential and other career advice. For more information, visit their office Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or contact Mary Beth Martinez at 926-3805 ext. 314.

"I came back to Robins after leaving the base for a few years, and career counseling helped me learn what my career options were," she said. "Now I know what my career options are now."

Carter, a procurement technician in the Space and Special Systems Directorate, said she visited the office upon advice from a co-worker.

"Someone recommended I call my staffing specialist with my career questions, but when he couldn't answer them, I went to career counseling," she said. "I would highly recommend people get their questions ready and make an appointment."

## ROBINS BRIEFS

### Columbus Day gate hours

The 78th Security Forces Squadron announced that regular weekend hours will be in effect Columbus Day, at the base gates. Gates 1 and 5 will be closed; Gate 2 will remain open 24 hours; Gate 14 will be open from 5 a.m. Monday to 1 a.m. Tuesday.

### Insurance coverage informational meeting

There will be an informational meeting for federal employees about insurance coverage for 2004 Wednesday and Thursday at the Warner Robins Comfort Inn on Highway 247. Sessions will be held each day on the hour starting at 3 p.m. with the last session at 6 p.m.

### Office closing

The 78th Mission Support Squadron, DPMPs and Military Personnel Flight customer service will close Oct. 22 at 2:30 p.m. due to a mandatory briefing. Regular hours will resume the next business day. If there are any questions or comments, e-mail 2nd Lt. Shondrell Edwards at shondrell.edwards@robins.af.mil or call 327-7361/62/63.

### Commander's Cup Soccer Tournament

The 6th Annual Robins Commander's Cup Soccer Tournament will be Nov. 21-23. The top two teams will receive trophies. Ages 8 and under groups will receive medallions. There is a guaranteed two game minimum play. Coaches and Adult Exhibition games leagues is also planned.

To participate, send a team roster, including all players, coaches and parents who will be attending games, no later than Nov 8.

Send all tournament information to: Robins Youth Center, O. J. Wheeler, 755 Warner Robins St., Robins AFB, GA 31098

For additional information and fees, contact Louis Rigney at 328-1161, louis.rigney@robins.af.mil, or O. J. Wheeler at 926-2110, james.wheeler@robins.af.mil.

### Taking care of pets during deployment

Moved by a love of animals and gratitude to their country's defenders, a growing number of Americans are offering a valuable service to deploying troops - pet fostering.

These people open their homes to pets of all kinds for departing servicemembers.

Maj. Steven D. Osborn of U.S. Army Veterinary Command recommends beginning the search locally. Servicemembers can check with base veterinary treatment facilities, which may be familiar with local services. But if not, servicemembers should check with local humane societies, animal-control facilities and breed clubs. Several Web sites exist to help with general advice on fostering and with brokering services.

The pet owner should communicate fully and openly with foster caregivers to ensure arrangements and expenses are agreed upon beforehand. The pet owner is generally responsible for veterinary bills, special foods and the like. Some relevant Web sites include: NetPets, www.netpets.org, Operation Noble Foster, www.operationnoblefoster.org, and the Humane Society, www.hsus.org/ace/11822.

For more information, contact Robins veterinary services at 327-8448.

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## Defending freedom – contributions to remember

**By Col. Jose R. Aragon**  
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Analysis Division

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (AFPN) – Many Hispanic Americans have been drawn to military service for myriad of reasons – to seek opportunities for education, growth, advancement, skills and professional success. Other factors include a sense of patriotism, love of country and hunger to serve.

Hispanic Americans have contributed gallantly to the defense of our nation. We have 40 Medal of Honor recipients, more than any other demographic segment.

Indeed, the military and civilian contributions of Hispanic Americans reflect a deep commitment to the principles of freedom and democracy. From the American Revolution to our latest conflict, the global war on terrorism, Hispanic Americans have risked and sacrificed their lives to defend freedom.

Here are just a few achievements of some of those individuals:

☞ The Civil War's most famous Hispanic was Adm. David Farragut. He served gallantly in the Civil War and was instrumental in capturing New Orleans and seizing control of the Mississippi River. He has been immortalized in history books for his war cry, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" He was the first admiral in the Navy. Congress created the rank for him, specifically, in recognition of his contributions during the Civil War.

☞ Loretta Velazquez was the first Hispanic female spy in



### What to know

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated every year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Twenty years ago, Hispanic Heritage Week was established by the U.S. Congress as a time to recognize the many contributions of Latinos to life in the United States. Hispanic Heritage Week became Hispanic Heritage Month in 1989, and now encompasses several important days: Sept. 15, which marks Independence Day for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; Sept. 16, Mexican Independence Day; and El Día de la Raza, celebrated Oct. 12.

U.S. history. She was a Cuban-born woman who disguised herself as a Confederate soldier and served as Lt. Harry Buford. Velazquez left her married, domestic life in San Antonio and fought in such battles as Bull Run, Ball's Bluff, Fort Donelson and Shiloh. Although never officially recognized militarily for her efforts, her life story is chronicled in the book, *The Woman in Battle*.

☞ Marine Pfc Guy "Gabby" Gabaldon, a Los Angeles native, captured more than 1,000 Japanese in the South Pacific during World War II.

After learning Japanese from his adopted Japanese family, he used it to obtain vital information on enemy positions that aided in that capture. He received a Silver Star for heroism.

☞ In Silvis, a small town in northwestern Illinois, there is a street named Hero Street, formerly known as Second Street. It is just one and a half blocks long in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood.

Joe Gomez, Pete Macias, Johnny Munoz, Tony Pompa, Frank Sandoval, Joe Sandoval, William Sandoval and Claro Soliz grew up together in this small street in a very close-knit community, working for the railroad, just as their fathers before them had done.

They went to war in World War II without hesitation and never came back.

As it turns out, 84 men from the 22 families who resided on this street participated in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. This street has contributed more men to military service than any other place of comparable size in the United States. Hero Street, U.S.A., has a remarkable story of personal sacrifice and patriotism.

☞ In 2001, America lost a Latino patriot who was diligent in the defense of his country and who protected American lives many times over. His code name, Tango – Mike – Mike, stood for "That Mean Mexican." This patriot, who was also a Medal of Honor recipient, was Army Master Sgt. Roy Benavidez. In his book "Medal of Honor: One Man's Journey from Poverty to Prejudice," He wrote these memorable words:

"I believe that there is no greater calling for a man or woman to serve in the military of a free nation. I believe that it is a calling that transcends all others because embedded deep within the soul of every free man or woman is the knowledge that every freedom we have earned for us by our ancestors, who paid some price for that freedom. Each and every generation must relearn those lessons, and they are best learned by doing. The strength of every free nation depends on this transfer of knowledge. Only through the transfer of knowledge from generation to generation will free men survive."

Each day, we have an extraordinary opportunity, an opportunity to be better than we were yesterday. We must all strive to improve ourselves to be the best we can be. That's how we can honor the memory of those who have given their lives to fight and defeat terrorism and ensure their sacrifices are not in vain.

When opportunity knocks, we must be ready to answer the door.

Winston Churchill once said, "To every man, there comes in his lifetime that special moment when he is tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique and fitted to his talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds him unprepared and unqualified for the work that would be his finest hour."

Opportunity, combined with education, is a key to success; and the military is a great place to seek it, find it and achieve success from it. (Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service)

## AF Climate Survey will 'tap the pulse'

I encourage each and every one of you to participate in the Air Force Climate Survey, which began Oct. 1 and runs through Nov. 23. While I am truly impressed with what you do every day to support the war fighters, I believe the men and women of AFMC are an untapped wealth of ideas, suggestions and other initiatives that will help us become even better. The purpose of the Climate Survey is to "tap the pulse" of the Air Force by soliciting feedback from those that make it work, then do something about it.



Martin

Last year, the Summer Commander's Conference brief provided feedback to Center commanders on the 2002 Survey results, proposed initiatives, and ended with Gen. Lester Lyles' direction to all commanders to design programs that positively use survey feedback. Later, during the fall Commanders' conference, each Center commander briefed individual initiatives to improve their organizations and laid out six-month implementation plans. You told us how you felt; our leaders listened and turned the feedback into real-life improvements. Some examples: re-energized award recognition programs (formal and informal), more training initiatives, enhanced career development opportunities, and fixes to the personnel system's hiring processes to quickly fill critical vacancies.

The CSAF is listening, I'm listening, and your center commanders are listening. Use the Survey to tell me directly what we are doing right, but more importantly, tell us how to get better, especially in areas with the greatest impact – mission accomplishment while improving retention, recognition, job satisfaction, and quality of life. In return for your honest and direct feedback, I promise to work hard to turn your ideas, suggestions and comments into actions to improve and sustain AFMC's world-class performance.

Commanders and supervisors: please ensure everyone has time and access to the survey. Find a computer, log on to <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>, and send me your thoughts!

Gen. Greg Martin  
commander, Air Force Materiel Command

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military



Col. Tom Smoot, Jr.  
Commander,  
78th Air Base Wing

### Commanders' Action Line

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam  
Commander,  
Warner Robins  
Air Logistics Center



e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, Bellsouth etc.), use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil).

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins Air Force Base homepage. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
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### Street lights needed for Building 301 crosswalk

For several months now I have noticed that the streetlights are out at the south end of Building 301, crosswalk area. There are two pedestrian crosswalks in the area, and without street lights it is extremely difficult to see pedestrians crossing in the "guarded walkway." In the early morning hours it is really hard to see anyone in the crosswalk if they are wearing dark clothing, especially with oncoming traffic headlights blinding your view. Additional lighting would make this a much safer area for pedestrians.

**Col. Smoot replies:** Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The streetlights that are inoperable were no longer needed when the high mast lighting was installed throughout the base. However, the exterior electricians performed a light survey at the crosswalks and determined more lighting is indeed needed at this particular location. We will relocate a light pole to this area. It will be placed directly in between the two crosswalks thus illuminating both crosswalks.

### Dangerous parking lot exit near Building 300

The exit at the southwest corner of the large parking lot south of Building 300 (corner of Byron and Third streets) is configured in a manner that causes a dangerous blind spot for vehicles exiting there. There are parking slots right next to the

exit and if vehicles are parked in those slots then you cannot see vehicles coming north on Byron. In order to see this oncoming traffic you must pull out onto Byron and expose your vehicle to traffic from the north, south, or the opposite parking lot exit. If there is traffic coming you have two choices; back up, hoping that you don't hit the vehicle behind you, or take your chances in the intersection. This is a dangerous situation and someone is going to get hurt. My suggestion is to eliminate the parking slots that block the field of vision of exiting vehicles or reconfigure them as to not block the field of vision.

**Col. Smoot replies:** I'm sorry for your frustration in finding the correct point of contact for this issue. The 78th Civil Engineer Squadron traffic engineer is the appropriate person to handle this dangerous situation, and can be reached via the CE Customer Service Desk at 926-5820 ext120. An assessment was made of the parking lot exit and indeed visibility is difficult when any car or truck occupies the two closest parking spaces. Civil engineers will place two barricades in those spaces to block them in the immediate future to prevent a future accident. For a more long-term solution, CE will create a permanent curb over those two spaces so visibility will be assured. The work is expected to be completed this month. Thank you for bringing this dangerous situation to light.

### CAC not valid form of ID off base

I just received my new Common Access Card (CAC) and

am now having problems using it as a valid form of identification. Because the new ID cards do not have a signature on them local institutions will not honor them as proof of ID. Robins Federal Credit Union, the local department of motor vehicles and other businesses won't accept it when writing checks. My problem is that as a military member, I renew my driver's license through the mail, and it does not have a photo or signature. This is also not acceptable in the community. The credit union used my Sam's Club card as a valid form of ID even though it does not have a signature on it. It's hard for me to believe that a Sam's card carries more weight than a government issued military ID. Can this be addressed at higher levels because I'm probably not the only military member who is experiencing this problem?

**Col. Smoot replies:** Your concerns regarding the lack of a signature on the new Common Access Cards have been previously discussed. Unfortunately, there is no present requirement to retain the signature.

When the CAC was designed, capability for data authentication and integrity and building/area access were added to the identification card. Only features required by public law or policy are included on the CAC.

Items such as signatures, weight, height and eye/hair color are not required by law or policy and do not appear. Regrettably, you will need to seek an alternate to the CAC, if proof of identification with signature is necessary. Many states offer an identification card for a small fee. The State of Georgia offers a card through the Department of Motor Vehicles for \$10.



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## AFA award winner



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Tech. Sgt. Randall E. Anderson, right, of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron received the 2nd quarter AFA Quarterly Achievement Award Oct. 3. Art Bosshart, left, Georgia AFA President, and Jack Steed, National Chairman, National Membership Committee, presented the award. AFA Local Chapter 296 recognizes a deserving military employee each quarter for outstanding accomplishments and contributions toward mission support.

## Airman's Attic check



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Hawkins

Andy Kimbill presents a check for \$1,000 to the Airmen's Attic in appreciation for support Robins provided for their Air Show. From left to right are Stella Gustafson, Airmen's Attic volunteer worker; Andy Kimbill, representative, Vidalia Onion Festival Air Show; Chief Master Sgt. Sam Mitchell, representing the Command Chief Master Sergeant; Mike Castillo, mechanical engineering technician at Robins, who provided equipment support; and Maj. Sam Simpliciano, operations officer and 2003 air show coordinator at Robins.

## Team quality award



U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Hawkins

The F-18 Combat Identification Team was recently awarded the Robins 21st Century Partnership Team Quality Award. From left to right, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Mark Campbell, Darel Lundy, team leader, Jafar Ebrahimi, Ben Bernal and Jim Culpepper, director of Maintenance. Not shown are Ray Schad and Dr. Dan Price of the U.S. Navy.

## LCCEP Road Show and PAQ orientation scheduled at Robins

The Logistics Civilian Career Enhancement Program will visit Robins Oct. 20-23. The Road Show will provide the general logistics population the latest information on LCCEP issues. The show will also allow time after each briefing for a question and answer period to address concerns from the audience.

Briefings will be held at the base theater. Two briefing sessions per day will occur as follows:

Oct. 20: 1 - 2:45 and 3 - 5 p.m.

Oct. 21: 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. - noon

Individual career counseling sessions for employees who are eligible for LCCEP career program positions

### What to know

The Logistics Civilian Career Enhancement Program will visit Robins Oct. 20-23. The Road Show will provide the general logistics population the latest information on LCCEP issues.

will be offered in 15-minute intervals Oct. 21 from 1 to 5 p.m., Building 905, room 137 and 138; and Oct. 22 from 8 a.m. - noon, Building 905, room 137 and 138.

To sign up for a session, call Thelma Phillips at 926-5341. E-mail requests will not be accepted.

If all individual career

counseling times are filled, a wait list will be generated for potential open time slots. If you sign up for a counseling session and your questions are answered during the Road Show Q&A period, notify us after the briefing so an employee on the wait list may be scheduled.

**PALACE ACQUIRE** interns will receive an orientation briefing Oct. 22, 8:30 - 10 a.m., at the Base Chapel. All current PAQ interns are requested to attend, and PAQ intern supervisors are also welcome to attend. For additional information regarding the PAQ orientation briefing, contact Jimmy Marshall at 926-3774 or Kevin Logan at 926-9314.

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# Black Knight Russia-bound for Language Immersion Program

By Holly J. Logan

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Learning another language and culture may be a foreign concept to some, but for 2nd Lt. Jaclyn Deroush it's her way of life this month.

Deroush, an officer with the 19th Operations Support Squadron, left for St. Petersburg, Russia, Oct. 4 to learn



**Deroush**

another culture and language as part of the Foreign Area Officer program, otherwise known as the Language Immersion Program.

"The program is part of the Chief Site Picture, (U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff) Gen. (John P.) Jumper originally had this vision of having at least 10 percent of military officers speaking a foreign language by 2005," she explained. "I chose Russian because I went to college on a Russian scholarship through the Air Force ROTC at the University of Colorado. This will give me a chance to improve my language skills and learn more about the culture."

Deroush, who joined the Air Force in 2001, speaks five languages including: English, German, Chinese, French and Russian.

The 24-year-old Colorado Springs, Colo. native, who submitted her application package through the FAO Web site in July, will live with a 62-year-old retired schoolteacher during her stay, and will speak only Russian, by contractual agreement, to enhance her educational experience half a world away.

"I'll have four hours of classroom instruction and one hour of tutorial a day," she said. "You agree not to

speak English as much as possible while you're there. One day in an immersed environment is equal to three days of classroom instruction."

According to Deroush, eight officers Defense Department-wide were recently selected for the language enhancement program. In order to participate, officers must take the Defense Language Proficiency Test. Deroush said the trip to

## What to know

The Foreign Area Officer Program, otherwise known as the Language Immersion Program, is a month-long program, offered year-round, that sends military officers worldwide, to sharpen their foreign language skills and cultural knowledge to help them in their U.S. Air Force careers. For more information on the FAO program, go to [www.fao.hq.af.mil](http://www.fao.hq.af.mil).

Russia would help her achieve her future career goal of becoming a foreign area

officer. But Lt. Col. Mike Smith, 19th OSS commander, said it would also sharpen her

skills while serving as a Black Knight at Robins.

"This is a great opportunity for her to expand her language skills and learn about the culture," he said. "We've deployed to Russian-speaking locations in the past, and Jaclyn helped us bridge the cultural and language gap to get our job done."

Smith said the program is supportive of the trend of the Air Force looking for people who are multilingual.

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# a day at the OFFICE



After simulating putting out a fire on a C-130, members of the Robins Fire Department bring out a victim.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Airman 1st Class Scott Wancus, 78th Security Forces Squadron, is vigilant with his M-60 machine gun during Robins' operational readiness exercise at Warrior Base. More than 300 airmen participated in the exercise. The exercise was designed to prepare airmen for real-world deployments and the upcoming operational readiness inspection.

By Geoff Janes

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**W**ith the unmistakable sound of an incoming mortar round, troops scurried for cover, reached for their protective gear and prepared for the worst.

It was just another day at the office.

Tuesday afternoon's simulated mortar attack, part of the week-long operational readiness exercise at Warrior Base on the south end of Robins, offered airmen some insight into the dangers that could be faced with the ongoing global war on terrorism.

It also gave them an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, hone their skills and better prepare themselves for those dangers if they get the call to deploy, according to Tech. Sgt. Christopher Maddox, instructor trainer for the 78th Security Forces Squadron's training section.

"This gives us the chance to exercise our ability to operate in a field environment," he said. "It also provides those who are young, or just out of technical school, a chance to experience what a deployment is like. And it does it in an environment that allows them to make mistakes and learn from them."

According to Ken Presse, management analyst in the Center IG's exercise branch, the



Above, airmen lie face down during a simulated chemical attack. Below, an airman in a bunker drinks from his canteen through his chem gear.

exercise was geared to include as many of the airmen identified under Air Expeditionary Force Silver as possible. AEF Silver is an interim, or catch-up, deployment cycle designed to help the Air Force get back on its normal deployment schedule which was thrown off due to the war in Iraq and other operations in the Middle East.

"We didn't task only those who are slated to go, but everyone who is subject to go under Silver," he said. "This was an opportunity for them to update their training and operational procedures so they can take that with them."

Presse went on to say that due to real-world events there have been changes in the scenarios that are normally employed dur-

## What to know

The operational readiness exercise is designed to prepare the troops for real-world deployments and the operational readiness inspection coming next year. During the exercise, airmen spend a week in the field, working and living in a tent city, similar to what they would experience in a forward operating location.

ing an operational readiness exercise.

"Most all of these scenarios could really happen," he said. "We had to change them because in the past (we trained) for a lot of missiles and aircraft bombardment. But with the world situation the way it is, this exercise is almost strictly rockets, rocket propelled grenades and mortar rounds.

"In the past - with missiles - we had four to seven minutes to respond," he added. "In this exercise, you hear boom! And you're in the war."

According to Col. William Saunders, Center inspector general, the exercise helps units work together. Servicemembers from the entire 78th Air Base Wing, the 653rd Combat

Logistics Support Squadron and the 19th Air Refueling Group participated - and according to Saunders they've done well.

"Robins is ready," Saunders said. "On the surface it's smooth like a swimming pool. What we're looking at now are the details. We're looking to control how much padding is going on under the surface. We're constantly training and assessing to make Robins better.

"But, are we ready to go?" he added. "Yes. Now."

And they've had the chance to prove it. According to Presse, during the exercise, the troops had to deal with mortar attacks, chemical warfare, building fires, injuries and aggressors trying to breach the base perimeter.

Master Sgt. Torrance McGee, an evaluator with the 78th Communications Squadron, said on top of all that, the exercise allowed people from his squadron to try something new.

"The comm squadron set up a wireless (public address system) for the first time," he said. "Master Sgt. Rhonda Durham and her crew set it up. We've had a lot of problems in the past because it has been hard-wired. This time we haven't had those issues."

Airman 1st Class Bryson Scott, a heavy equipment operator with the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron who has been in the Air Force just a little more than a year, said the training has made him feel prepared.

"It has been pretty real," he said. "Carrying the M-16s make you feel like you're really out there, and wearing the (nuclear, biological and chemical) protective gear for 20 to 45 minutes at a time just adds to it. I really feel like after this week, I'm ready for anything."



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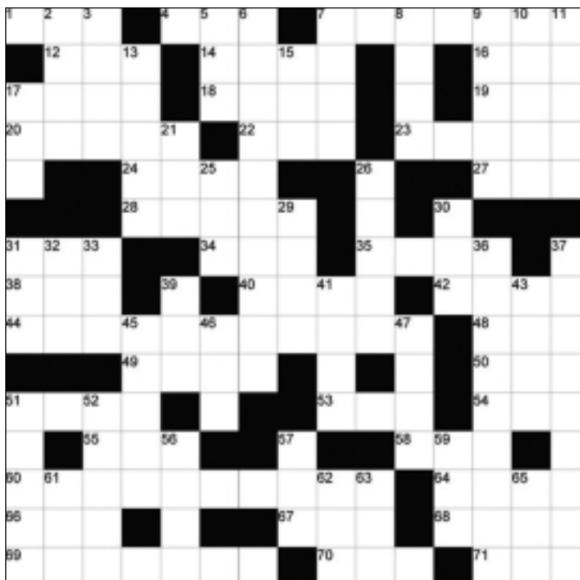
## LEAVE/ TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

- Kimberly Kennedy Nitz, WR-ALC/LEEC. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison 926-7697, extension 172.
- Charles Hill, WR-ALC/LECB-2. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison 926-7697, extension 172.
- Tina Lilly, WR-ALC/LESG. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison 926-7697, extension 172.
- Marian Holmes, WR-ALC/LESV. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison 926-7697, extension 172.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo by fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at [angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil](mailto:angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### Space Launch

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
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#### ACROSS

1. Space shuttle (abbrev.)
4. Satellite for latitude, longitude (abbrev.)
7. Satellite providing survivable comm for C2 of warfighters
12. Tear
14. Indian princess
16. Airport abbreviation
17. Actor Lugosi
18. English private secondary school
19. Inventor Whitney
20. USAF rocket used to launch 11,100 lbs into low earth orbit
22. Lord of the Rings character
23. USAF rocket used to launch 47,800 lbs into low earth orbit
24. Web language?
27. Snake sound?
28. Sniff
31. School of Mahayana Buddhism
34. Roman number 12
35. Saga
38. Alt. to street
40. Snare
42. Hindu robe
44. LGM-118A ICBM
48. Sister
49. Grande and de la Plata
50. \_\_\_ Dhabi; Gulf state
51. East coast launch site
53. Snakelike fish
54. Animal doc
55. USAF deployment structure
58. Mine yield
60. West coast launch site
64. Sign of Aries (two words)
66. Terminate
67. School org.
68. Event
69. Tangle (two words)

70. Use for NRO satellites
71. Computer connection (abbrev.)

#### DOWN

2. Elm or oak
3. Window ledge
5. Before
6. Orbiting items
7. To coin money
8. Forgotten
9. Current Under Secretary of the Air Force Peter \_\_\_
10. USAF rocket used to launch 14,500 lbs into low earth orbit
11. Cloudbursts
13. Trails
15. Prefix meaning not
17. Military uniform (abbrev.)
21. Cash machine
25. Food type Tex-\_\_\_
26. French pancake
29. Old Italian money
30. Sib
31. Sudden hit of electricity
32. Biblical first woman
33. Federal org. concerned with art
36. Second part of 51 across
37. LGM-130G ICBM
39. Aloha gift
41. Church altar
43. Bumpkin
45. Set of beliefs
46. Punched out in boxing (abbrev.)
47. Candy bar
51. Spertunking spots
52. Chinese bear
56. Perceive
57. Zest
59. Scrap
61. Actress Penelope \_\_\_ Miller
62. Subway, busline, etc. (abbrev.)
63. Space
65. Pie \_\_\_ mode

For puzzle solution, see Oct. 17 edition of Rev Up

### Puzzle solution for Oct. 3



## CHAPEL SERVICES

**Catholic Masses** are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

**Protestant General Services** take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and con-

temporary worship styles in music and in format.

**Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m.

**Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary

styles of music and worship.

**Jewish service time** is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.

**Islamic Friday Prayer** (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with any spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

## FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

**Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Building 794. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.**

### Training day

In order to become proficient, the FSC will be closed for routine business every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. In case of emergencies, there will be someone at the front desk in Building 794, or at 926-1256 to take your information and pass it to the appropriate FSC staff member. If you

have concerns or questions, call FSC Director Christine Parker at 926-1256.

### Center closed

The FSC and Family Services loan closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Monday, in observance of Columbus Day. Normal services will resume Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

### Return and reunion survival tips

The Family Support Center offers support with how-to's and survival tips to negotiate the challenges and stages of reuniting with the ones you love, Tuesday, 9 - 10 a.m., Building

945, Family Support Center Annex.

### Community tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Community Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meet at the Family Support Center.

### Deployed spouses money matters

The Family Support Center's Family Readiness Program is offering a class "Money Matters for Deployed Spouses," Wednesday, 9 - 10 a.m., Building 794, Family Support Center.

## SERVICES BRIEFS

### Aero Club 926-4867

An open house is scheduled for Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Aero Club with free hamburgers, hot dogs and time on the simulator.

### Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Watch the movie "Monsters Inc." at Robins Park today at 8 p.m. (or dark).

Moviegoers are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets to this free event. Concessions will be on sale.

For more information, call Lynne Brackett at 922-4415.

### ITT 926-2945

■ The Georgia National Fair is today through Sunday at the Georgia National Fairground in Perry. Advance admission tickets are available at ITT. Advance ride sheets are \$10 at ITT or \$18 at the gate.

### Prism VI survey

Prism VI survey has arrived. If you have received

one, complete it and mail it back promptly. Information from these surveys is vital and used to improve Services facilities and programs for Air Force families and DoD civilians. If you have questions, call Linda Hinkle, marketing director, at 926-6662.

### Skills Development Center 926-5282

The center will be accepting entries from youths and adults for the artist's craftsman and photo contest Oct. 20. Judging will take place Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. Winning entries will be forwarded to AFMC. Open to all military, DoD and immediate family members at base-level. For details, visit or call the center.

### Smith Community Center 926-2105

A Family and Teen Talent contest will be held in the Smith Community Center Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. Register now through Oct. 31 at the center. This contest is open to the entire Robins community. Admission is free.

### Enlisted Club 926-4515 and Officers' Club 926-2670

Air Force Materiel Command has launched Members First Plus, a new program that provides discounts exclusively to club members on food purchases and special functions.

Club members will receive a \$1 discount on breakfast, lunch and dinner meals with a \$4 minimum purchase. A \$2 discount will apply on all pro-rated special functions, including military functions.

Members will continue to receive a 10 percent discount on "personal" functions, such as receptions and retirements, which they book with the clubs.

With Members First Plus members will continue to enjoy the 10 percent discount in participating Services facilities simply by showing their club cards.

The "Show It" campaign is underway as a fun way to introduce Members First Plus to Robins Officers' and Enlisted Club members.

Club members who show their club card during the "Show It" campaign, now through Oct. 31, will have a chance to win cash and plush toy bears. Entry forms will be available at most Services facilities. Club members who show their club card will be given a white entry form to fill out, and members who charge their purchase on their club card will be given an additional blue entry form.

Also, club members can win \$1 coupons if club and Pizza Depot staff fail to ask them to show their club card during times of purchase. If a member is not asked to show their card, they must notify the employee immediately to receive their \$1-off coupon to use during their next visit.

Membership dues are \$18 a month for Officers' Club members and \$8 a month for enlisted Club members. For more information about club membership benefits, call the club.

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

### Friday 7:30 p.m. — Seabiscuit — Tobey Maguire and Jeff Bridges

It was the beginning of the 20th century and the paths of Johnny Pollard, Tom Smith and Charles Howard converged. These men were broken, each for different reasons and they needed each other to become whole again. They discovered that you don't throw a life away just 'cause it's banged up a little. They and the entire country found a hero in an average horse named Seabiscuit that achieved the unthinkable. Rated PG-13 (language, some sexual situations and violent sports-related images) 141 minutes



### Saturday 2 p.m. — The Medallion — Jackie Chan and Claire Forlani

Eddie a Hong Kong cop suffers a near fatal accident while investigating a case involving a mysterious medallion. He soon discovers that with the powerful medallion, he gains incredible speed, strength and skills. Enlisting the help of British agent Nicole, Eddie is determined to learn the secret of the medallion and face down the evil Snakehead who wants to use its awesome powers for his own nefarious plans. Rated PG-13 (action violence and some double entendre) 90 minutes



### 7:30 p.m. — Open Range — Kevin Costner and Annette Bening

Following the day-to-day encounters of four cattle herders who roam the countryside without owning a particular piece of land, or "freegrazers", living in the final years of the Wild West, this film tells the story of how they eventually team up to rid a burgeoning remote town, Harmonville, from the machinations of a ruthlessly evil rancher, Baxter, who forms a sort of "outlaw state" where he makes the laws and rules, and enforces them using scare tactics and brute force. Rated R (violence) 139 minutes



## STREAMING VIDEO

### FULL STREAM AHEAD\*

To view streaming video, go to <http://www.robins.af.mil/pa/stream/index.htm>

- Retired Brig. Gen. James Sehorn is guest speaker at POW/MIA observance
- Three members of 51st CBCS earn Bronze Star medals
- Retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez is guest speaker at Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon; highlights of Espectaculo Hispano show at Museum of Aviation

\*Videos are best viewed with the latest version of Windows Media Player (version 9).

## ROBINS REPORT

News from around base — Watson and Cox Channel 15

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# Level field

Eleven-year-old girl says she plays football as well as male teammates

By Holly J. Logan

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Forget pom-poms and cheers on the sideline - Adriana Dee grabs the shoulder pads and helmet when football season starts.

Dee, an 11-year-old sixth-grader at Robins Elementary School, who joined the Youth Center football team, the Robins Eagles, Sept. 17, said there's nothing unusual about her chosen extracurricular activity.

"I just see myself as a person playing football," she said. "There's nothing weird about it. I feel like I can play just as well as the boys."

The newest player on the 19-member football team has played tight end and defensive tackle in three of the team's games.

In her first game carrying the ball for the 4-0 team, the 5-foot-5-inch girl was 10 yards from scoring her first touchdown.

Ronald Quimby, the team's coach, said he sees her as any other kid on the team.

"The kids adjusted and welcomed her right away," he said. "She hasn't missed a beat. Quimby, 38, has coached the sport in Warner Robins since 1994, and said female participation in the traditionally male sport is growing.

"In the recent past, more girls have joined area recreational football teams, and they tend to do well," he said. "Her gender wasn't even an issue with our team. We treat her like any other football player."

However, when it comes to some of the typical "atta boy" football player behavior, Quimby said he had to make some adjustments.

"I have to remind myself to pat her on the shoulder when she does a good job, instead of doing like most guys on a ball team do," he said. "When we're out there, my motto is that 'we play to have



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Adriana Dee listens to Robins Eagles coach, Ronald Quimby, give instructions for the game. Below, the 11-year-old sixth-grader stands on the sideline during a recent Saturday game.

fun, but what better way to have fun than to win?" All I really expect out of the kids is to do their best, and I think they all do a good job at that."

Dee's father, Capt. Michael Dee, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron Deployment Plans Flight commander, who practices with her at least three times a week, said he fully supports his daughter's football fun.

"If she wants to play football, then she plays," he said. "I work with her by letting her tackle me, and I tackle her."

Dee's father said although Adriana has a long way to go, she is a quick learner.

"If she wants to be a football player, I'll help her make that happen," he said. "I teach her that football is a mental game as much as it's physical. If you're

not as strong or fast as someone, you have to use your mind to compensate for those differences. Her skills in blocking far exceed many of the boys in the league. Now, we just have to get her to tackle."

Although Adriana is seen as an easy-going kid by most, her father said it takes one phrase to get her going.

"All she needs is for someone to tell



her she shouldn't play football because she's a girl and that gets her fired up, especially when it's from the kid she's supposed to block," he said. "Overall, I'm proud of Adriana. She's stuck with it thus far, and from here, she'll have to figure out whether or not she'll play in the future."

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# 17th ASOS gets fit to fight

By Lt. Col. James E. Fairchild  
17th Air Support Operations Squadron

At a time when many in the Air Force are dreading a mile and a half run and having to do push-ups and sit-ups as part of a physical fitness test, the 17th Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Benning, Ga. is taking physical fitness to the next level.

The squadron held its own "mini Eco-Challenge" Sept. 25 to show just how seriously they take fitness.

Members of the squadron competed in a variety of back-to-back events: 250-meter swim, 2.5-mile run, four challenges on a Leaders' Reaction Course, 9.5-mile bike ride, 2.5-kilometer land navigation course (with five navigation checkpoints), and an 11-mile canoe trip - all while hauling equipment.

"Physical training, or PT, is an integral part of our duty day and runs from 7 - 8:30 a.m. each day. Fitness is criti-

## What to know

Robins Air Force Base is the servicing installation for the 17th Air Support Operations Squadron which operates out of Fort Benning, Ga.

cal to being able to perform our mission," said Lt. Col. David Hume, commander of the 17th ASOS, which is made up of tactical air command and control specialists, enlisted terminal attack controllers, air liaison officers and support personnel who handle power production, vehicle and radio maintenance and administration.

The 17th ASOS supports the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) and the 75th Ranger Regiment and two of its battalions - the 3rd Battalion, also at Benning, and the 1st Battalion at Hunter Army Air Field.

"Our mission is to provide guidance to Army commanders on the best use of airpower to support Army scheme of maneuver and Army objectives, and we serve as forward air controllers when close air support is required," said Hume.

Members of the 17th ASOS have had the opportunity to perform their wartime mission during the past two years, supporting both Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq. In fact, the unit currently has personnel deployed to Iraq.

Members of the squadron say that being healthy and fit allows them to perform the mission better.

It also allows them to deal with the stresses of multiple deployments - often in field conditions.

The mini-Eco-challenge was the brainchild of Master Sgt. Mark "Jaz" Ericson, who runs the squadron's day-to-day fitness program.

"I thought it would be a

change of pace from our normal schedule and good for morale and team-building skills," said Ericson.

Ericson made use of some of the facilities that Fort Benning offers to its military members and families. The NCO pool was used for the swim, bicycles and canoes were rented from Outdoor Recreation, and the land navigation course was located on part of Fort Benning's military reservation near Columbus, Ga., and the Chattahoochee River.

The winning team was Master Sgt. Mark Ericson, Master Sgt. Sean O'Neill, Tech. Sgt. Jarrod Welsh and Staff Sgt. Mark Foster. They completed the course in 5 hours and 42 minutes.

"The competition was a great success for the squadron and a lot of fun for our personnel," said Hume whose team actually finished the course first, but was penalized for missing a navigation point, resulting in a fourth place finish.

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# HAWC gives the 'skinny' on fad diets

By Holly J. Logan  
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Fad diets serve up instant solutions that leave many people full of lingering weight loss problems, said Lindy Kurtz.

According to Kurtz, dietician at the Health and Wellness Center here, Americans spend an estimated \$35 billion a year on diet foods and plans in the battle of the bulge.

Many of the "fad diets" people are committing to offer empty promises of quick weight loss, said Kurtz.

"Fad diets have always been popular in our culture," she said. "Fad diets are defined as any eating plan that offers fast weight loss without any effort. These diets are eating plans that won't continue to work in the future."

Kurtz said often popular fad diets like the Atkins Diet, South Beach Diet and others promise rapid weight loss considered unhealthy by most medical professionals.

"Some of these eating plans promise weight loss as rapid as 30 pounds a month," she said. "That's not a healthy approach. Generally speaking, it's healthy to lose four to eight pounds a month, or one to two pounds a week. Anything over that is unhealthy."

Slim Fast - once labeled as a fad diet product - is now considered a healthier diet approach when included in a well-balanced eating plan, she explained.

"Slim Fast is a meal replacement," she said. "It's nothing more than a vitamin-packed chocolate or strawberry meal. We offer samples of it at the center for people who want to try it."

Eating healthy requires incorporating a variety of foods in one's diet, said Kurtz.

But with the lure of a smaller waistline, many are biting into fad diets.

Melinda Asbell, office automation specialist for the base chapel, said she has tried a myriad of diets, gaining and losing more than 300 pounds.

"What have I not tried?" she remarked. "Since I was 8 years old, I've tried the Atkins Diet, the Grape Fruit diet and several others. Nothing and I mean nothing, ever worked for me."

Asbell knew she crossed the line into unhealthy eating behavior when she attempted an extreme fad diet - the starvation diet.

"I lost over 100 pounds in about eight months," she said. "The catch was that all I ate was half of a candy bar a day, one steak a week and drank one soda a day. As soon as I got off the diet, I gained the weight back."

Although most fad diets don't end in deadly results, Kurtz said many are not healthy eating plans for life.

"These diets recycle as much as fashion," she said. "You'll probably hear about many of these diets again in about 20 years. A lot of the diets don't necessarily have anything about them that is life-threatening, although there

**"DiETING is not the answer. Changing your lifestyle is the answer."**

Melinda Asbell  
office automation specialist  
for the base chapel

are plans for the National Institute of Health to research the long-term effects of diets like the Atkins Diet."

Kurtz cautions that people should stay away from diet pills and products that contain the popular diet drug, ephedra, and its herbal equivalent, Ma

## Signs of a fad diet

- Diets that eliminate or avoid certain types of foods.
- Diets that don't encourage eating a variety of foods.
- Diets that promise fast weight loss without effort.



## What to know

For more information on effective weight loss programs and other health related issues, contact the Health and Wellness Center in Building 827 by calling 327-8480, or visit their link at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).

huang, which cause difficulty in regulating heart rate and temperature.

Many may continue to lose and gain weight in the cycle of yo-yo dieting, but Kurtz said lasting weight loss is within reach.

"When we talk about long-lasting weight loss, we're talking about weight loss that lasts beyond two to four years," she said. "Not knowing the proper food portions as established by the Food Guide Pyramid is what gets people in so much trouble. Portion size is not the same for every food."

Kurtz said it's recommended that people balance their diets with a variety of foods, instead of taking in excessive amounts of certain foods, like pasta and others in the bread group.

"No matter what eating plan you choose, you should never consume anything fewer than 1,200 calories a day, unless medically supervised," she said. "People need to keep in mind that what works for your neighbor may not work for you. It's an individual evaluation of what you're willing to do, and what you're willing to gain and lose in it."

For Asbell, years of dieting taught her that keeping the pounds off requires a true change.

"My best advice to people is to see a nutritionist who can tell you how to eat healthy and exercise properly," she said. "DiETING is not the answer. Changing your lifestyle is the answer."

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# ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

## Communications and Electronics Association luncheon today

The Air Force Communications and Electronics Association luncheon is 11 a.m. today at the Officer's Club ballroom. The scheduled guest speakers for the event are 5th Combat Communications Group commanders who will speak about setting up communications during Operation Iraqi Freedom. No tickets or reservations are necessary to attend the luncheon.

## Olmsted Scholar Program

The Olmsted Scholar Program provides an opportunity for a combination of at least five USAF Academy, OTS, or ROTC graduates to study a foreign language at a university abroad. If you are a junior line officer interested, contact the military personnel flight customer service office at 327-7362. AFPC deadline is Wednesday.

## Officers' Hail and Farewell

A standup Officers' Hail and Farewell, conducted by Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Center Commander, will be Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. at the Officers' Club ballroom. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Darren Sackett at 926-8429.

## PTO school carnival

The Robins PTO School Carnival will be Oct. 17, 5 - 8 p.m., at Robins Elementary School. Everyone is invited. There will be food, games, prizes and a giant slide and obstacle course.

## Military Appreciation and Chapel Open House

There will be a Military Appreciation and Chapel

Open House Oct. 19 from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Base Chapel. Entertainment will be provided by Robins Elementary School Choir, Chapel Choir, Contemporary Worship Team - Dwayne and April Boswell, and Christian Jazz Ensemble - Alphonso Thomas and Friends. Other entertainment will be provided by Kathy's Rock. Food, including hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks, will be available.

For more information, call 926-2821.

## NCO Induction Ceremony

The NCO Induction Ceremony for people recently selected for promotion to staff sergeant is Oct. 20. The workshop for the new NCOs is 7-11 a.m. at the Enlisted Club ballroom.

The ceremony, which is open to the entire base, is 2 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Inductees must be in place by noon. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Anntionette Adams at 327-3169 or e-mail her at Anntionette.adams@garobi.af.mil.

## Health Care Consumer's Advisory Council meeting

The quarterly 78th Medical Group Health Care Consumer's Advisory Council meeting, hosted by Col. Richard G. Griffith, 78th MDG commander, will be Oct. 28, 2 p.m., at the golf course meeting room. Everyone is invited to attend this open forum, which will provide first hand information about current medical processes and future endeavors.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Tina Reid at 327-8016.

## Essay contest

Patriot's Pen is a nationwide competition that gives seventh- and eighth-graders the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. Contestants write a 300-400 word essay on "My Dream for America." Local winners will receive \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place. The first place national winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C.

The top 28 national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Students may apply by contacting the local Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW President, Sandy Solari, at 987-8121 or 322-0245 or by going to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and following the directions to the Youth Scholarship Programs.

The deadline is Nov. 1.

## Marine Corps 228th Birthday

Us Devil Dogs at Robins are in the process of planning a luncheon Nov. 14 to celebrate the Marines Corps 228th birthday. If you are interested in helping plan this event or would like to attend, contact Brian Carroll, C-130 Engine Shop, at 997-1065 or [brian.carroll@robins.af.mil](mailto:brian.carroll@robins.af.mil) or Richard Jones, C-130 Blue Straw, at 926-2993 or [richard.jones@robins.af.mil](mailto:richard.jones@robins.af.mil).

## Dental assistant volunteers needed

The 78th Dental Squadron is currently seeking trained Red Cross Dental Assistant volunteers to join our dental team. Individuals interested in updating their technical skills or just looking to volunteer need to contact Master Sgt. Randy Wehrung at 327-8084.

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# All in a day's work



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■ Capt. Michelle Stringer ■ Operations officer  
for the 78th Security Forces Squadron

“I’m the one who is responsible for law enforcement patrols, security patrols and customer service – like police services and pass and registration, force protection, resource protection and K-9. Eighty percent of the squadron falls under me. I spend a great deal of time on the phone fielding issues from folks on base.

I’ve done it more than eight years, and I love it. It’s a very diverse career field that keeps me on my toes.

My two great joys are traveling and watching my young troops grow and excel. I love it when they reach their goals, because that makes me feel good.

Security Forces literally impacts the lives of every individual on the installation every day, either overt or covert. We are there.”

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